

# Moorhead Memo

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## ***THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW***

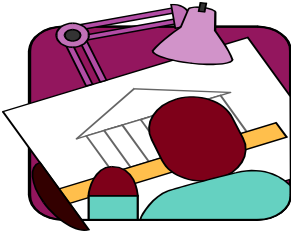
***By Rick Murphy***

***Property Manager***

The General Services Administration Pittsburgh Office said goodbye to a good friend and valued colleague with the retirement of Robert C. (Bob) Sullinger in January of this year. After twenty years of outstanding service to the federal government, Bob, a Realty Services Specialist, decided it was time to take it easy. Bob began his career with GSA in 1984 working as a temporary custodian in the Moorhead Federal Building. Bob's talents soon surfaced, and he was promoted to the position of Work Inspector in 1989. Then in 1995 Bob received another promotion when he became a Realty Services Specialist. Bob managed the Ambridge, Greensburg, and East Liberty Social Security Buildings, the Uniontown Federal Building and about 40 leased locations during his tenure with GSA. When told that Bob was retiring, Bob Callaro, the Manager of the East Liberty Social Security Office told me to tell whomever would take over for Bob that he promised to try not to compare them to Bob as a building manager.



Bob and his lovely wife, Pat, have raised two daughters and are the proud grandparents of three, soon to be four, grandchildren. Bob's love of woodworking will now occupy his days that is unless Pat has a long honey-do list that he has to complete first.



## ***ITS OFFICIAL: GSA AWARDS \$53.8 MILLION CONTRACT TO MODERNIZE THE FEDERAL BUILDING***

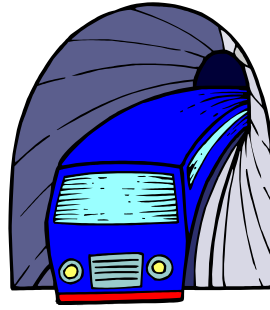
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On March 15, the GSA Mid-Atlantic Region proudly announced the awarding of a \$53.8 million contract to a small business, Burchick Construction Company Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the modernization of the William S. Moorhead Federal Building. Opened in 1965, it is home to 47 federal agencies and more than 1800 employees working in the building everyday. The modernization project will occur in five phases and will include the overhaul of the heating, ventilation & air conditioning system, upgrading of the electrical equipment, fire alarm systems, asbestos abatement, plumbing, handicapped accessibility in the restrooms, and renovations to the office areas throughout the building. When completed, the project will result in the return of a number of federal agencies currently housed in private rental space throughout Pittsburgh. The anticipated completion of the project is scheduled for October 2008.

The project will start with a kick off meeting with the Burchick Construction team, followed by a tenant information meeting in early April. Shortly afterward the contractor will be on the premises and the real construction work will get started. Burchick Construction Company is headquartered in Ross Township just off interstate 279; they are a thirteen-year-old small business. The Company's 2004 projected contract volume is forecast to exceed \$30 million. They have performed renovation work in the US Steel Building for the US Bankruptcy Court, a design-build project for the 99<sup>th</sup> ARCOM headquartered in Moon Township, and construction of an annex for the North Huntingdon PA Post Office. In the private sector, Burchick has performed work for PNC Bank, the University of Pittsburgh, UPMC Health System and Waynesburg College.

Jim Huber, the Vice President of Engineering at Burchick, told me "it is a very happy day in Ross Township". He also said that Joe Burchick and the rest of his team is excited to be working with GSA on this very important project.

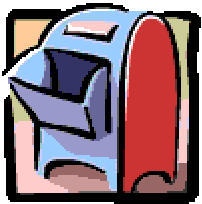
In addition to Burchick Construction, GSA's partners in the renovation of the Moorhead Building include URS Corporation the construction management firm, and Eihorn, Yaffe & Prescott of Washington DC, our architectural consultants. Dave Sekowski and his staff have already set up the URS offices on the first floor in the former childcare center space. The architect will open an office in the same area of the building in a few weeks. The project team will be holding a tenant meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 10am in the first floor conference room (The Old Bookstore).



## MOVING ON

I am sure everyone has heard that the Moorhead has lost a few tenants and will lose a few more before all the moves are finished. These moves are necessary so that the major renovation project of the Moorhead can move forward.

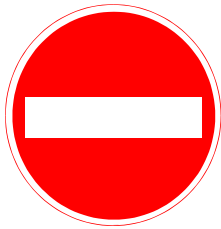
The Immigration Service and US Customs Service will be moving to a new location on the Southside of Pittsburgh by the middle of April. Our friends at the US Probation Office have moved to a temporary location in the Chamber of Commerce Building. They will not return to the Moorhead Federal Building, but will move into their new space in the US Post Office & Courthouse when it is completed in 2005. The Commerce Department's International Trade Office has moved to their new location in the Regional Assets Tower, located on Sixth Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. Long time residents of Pittsburgh know this building as the Alcoa Building. Senator Specter's Office will be joining the Commerce Department's in the Regional Assets Tower in the near future.



## ***NEW MAIL DELIVERY IN THE MOORHEAD***

***By Rick Murphy***

When the major renovation project starts, access to the garage level will be eliminated. That means that the garage level mailroom had to close. GSA, in conjunction with the US Postal Service has designed and constructed a new mail delivery room on the first floor of the Moorhead. The centralized mail delivery is located in room 121 of the Federal Building and opened for business on March 8, 2004. All of the agencies housed in the Federal Building now have their mail delivered to their own private mailbox instead of having to go to the garage area to retrieve their mail. Vince Cziasukas, Manager of the Grant Street Station for the US Postal Service said, "This room provides a more efficient and secure form of mail delivery to the customers in the federal building".



## ***THE GARAGE IS CLOSED***

When the major renovation project starts in a few weeks, access to the Moorhead Federal Building garage level will be terminated. That means that the garage level is closed to all building occupants. The renovation contract provides that the general contractor has use of the garage as a staging area and office space. Everyone, including law enforcement agencies dropping off prisoners, will need to make other arrangements once the contractor is on the premises in mid April.

## **RETURN YOUR KEYCARDS**

Now that we have moved the mailroom to the first floor of the building the garage level of the building is closed to all building occupants. That means that those of you who are in possession of keycards no longer have need of those cards. We are requesting that you return the keycards to The GSA Office in Room 1301 Moorhead Federal Building. Once the renovation contractor is in control of the garage level all keycard readers will be turned off making the keycard null & void. We appreciate your cooperation.

Don't forget, I am always seeking your input on how to make the Moorhead Federal Building a better place to work. If you have an idea or concern just call me at 412-395-4823



## ***SCOUTING FOR FOOD APRIL 2004.***

GSA in conjunction with the Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boys Scouts of America will sponsor the annual Scouting For Food Drive in the Federal Building. The drive began April 1 2004 and continues through April 30, 2004. Collection boxes will be placed in the building lobby during this drive. Please be as generous as your means allow. Make a difference and stop hunger



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## **A NEW LOOK IN THE CAFETERIA**

How do you like the new cafeteria layout? Sodexho asked GSA for permission to change things around to improve the service to the tenants in the Moorhead Building. What you see is not a haphazard plan, but the result of a well thought out design making the servicing line more user friendly. If you like it, stop by and let Jim Bluestone and his staff know.

Speaking of the cafeteria, Stella Ragowski, the friendly lady who greeted you at the cashier booth every day, is at home recuperating from a rather serious injury caused by a fall in one of those nasty ice storms we experienced this winter. So if you get a chance why not send her your best wishes. I am sure she would be glad to hear from you. Jim Bluestone will be happy to forward any card or gift you might want to send to Stella.





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